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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:

Wheel Assembly For A Vehicle

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated September 29, 2005, the Examiner required restriction of the invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-15, drawn to a wheel assembly, classified in class 301, subclass 64.201; and

Group II: Claims 16-32, drawn to a vehicle and a swing-arm assembly, classified in class 280, subclass 284.

Applicant hereby elects Group II (i.e., claims 16-32), upon which election the Examiner indicated that election would be required between the following species:

Species I: FIG. 3a; and

Species II: FIG. 3b.

Applicant hereby elects Species I (i.e., FIG. 3a). It is believed that at least claims 16-20 and 22-32 read on Species I of Group II. These elections of invention and Species are made with

traverse, as it is believed that the Examiner may consider all of the claims without conducting an unreasonably burdensome search. It is also believed that the above represents a complete response to the restriction and election requirements, and further examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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